

Ms. MIKULSKI. I believe there is a unanimous consent.

Mr. STEVENS. Let me ask unanimous consent that we proceed to Senator MIKULSKI's amendment and that it be in order to offer, if a second-degree amendment is agreed to, it be in order for her to offer a further second-degree perfecting amendment, and that there be 20 minutes equally divided between Senators THOMAS and MIKULSKI prior to a vote in relation to this amendment.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, we need consent that the Mikulski amendment, the order with respect to that, be vitiated first. There is an order already in effect in that regard.

Mr. STEVENS. I am afraid I didn't read the whole unanimous consent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The only agreement was barring the second-degree amendments, which the Senator has addressed.

Mr. REID. That will be fine.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask that that unanimous consent request be withdrawn and I be permitted to offer a different one.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The unanimous consent request is withdrawn.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the order—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. May we have order, please.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the order with respect to the Mikulski amendment be vitiated and that Senator THOMAS be recognized to offer a perfecting second-degree amendment regarding public-private competition; provided further that there be a 20-minute period for debate equally divided between Senators THOMAS and

MIKULSKI prior to a vote in relation to the second-degree amendment. I further ask that following that debate time, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Thomas amendment. I further ask consent that if the second-degree amendment is agreed to, Senator MIKULSKI be recognized in order to offer a further second-degree perfecting amendment, provided there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided between Senators THOMAS and MIKULSKI prior to the vote in relation to that amendment; finally, if the Thomas second-degree amendment is not agreed to, the Senate proceed immediately to vote in relation to the Mikulski first-degree amendment and, notwithstanding the drafting of the Mikulski amendment, if it were adopted, the first-degree amendment would be subject to further amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BYRD. Reserving the right to object, it was my understanding we were going to have three rollcall votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Yes. I say to the Senator, one of them was approved by voice vote, so this is the third vote.

Mr. BYRD. This is the third vote. But this new request, what is this?

Mr. REID. This is to set up the order of debate on the Mikulski amendment which is going to be second-degreed by Senator THOMAS. This is something we have worked on almost all day. So there will be two votes on the Mikulski amendment, one on Thomas and one on Mikulski.

Mr. BYRD. For the moment, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, is there any way—if I can get the attention of the Senator from Wyoming and the Senator from Maryland—is there any way we could save 10 minutes by having 15 minutes between each of them rather than 20?

Mr. THOMAS. Yes, that is fine.

Ms. MIKULSKI. I didn't hear the Senator.

Mr. REID. We have 40 minutes. I am asking if we can reduce that to 15 on each rather than 20, for a total of 30.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Yes.

Mr. REID. I ask that that be agreed to: Rather than 20 minutes on each, it be 15 on each of the amendments for debate.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I stated earlier that for the moment I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is objection.

Mr. STEVENS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I renew the Stevens request, as amended by me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. STEVENS. As what?

Mr. REID. The time.

Mr. STEVENS. OK.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Wyoming.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m., Friday, January 24, for a pro forma session only. I further ask consent that immediately upon convening at 9:45, the Senate automatically adjourn over until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28. I further ask consent that on Tuesday, following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for morning business until 12:30, with the time equally divided and with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Further, I ask that

the Senate recess from the hours of 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly policy luncheons to meet; further, that when the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, there be a period of morning business until the hour of 5 o'clock, again, with the time equally divided and with Senators limited to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. COLEMAN. As announced earlier, the Senate will be in a pro forma session tomorrow—no business will be conducted—there will be no session on Monday, and the Senate will reconvene on Tuesday. The Senate will be in a period of morning business on Tuesday. Also as a reminder, the President will deliver his State of the Union Address on Tuesday. Members are asked to be

in the Senate Chamber no later than 8:30 on Tuesday evening.

The majority leader has announced that there will be no rollcall votes prior to Wednesday of next week. The Senate could consider any legislative or executive matters that become available.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, if there is no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:31 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 24, 2003, at 9:45 a.m.